

## **News from U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC)**

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### **Spratt Statement on CBO Analysis of President's Budget**

*WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) issued the following statement on the analysis of the President's budget released today by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO).*

“Today's analysis from CBO is the latest in a long line of evidence, all indicating that the Administration's fiscal policies are moving us deeper and deeper into debt.

“The Bush Administration's budget racks up another enormous deficit: \$394 billion for 2005, according to CBO.

“The Administration claims that it is making headway on the deficit, but CBO's analysis runs the President's budget out ten years and shows that his budget will not even come close to balance. On the contrary, CBO's analysis shows that under the Administration's policies, the annual deficit never falls below \$229 billion over the next ten years, and all \$2.5 trillion of the Social Security Trust Fund surplus will be borrowed and spent to cover deficits in the Administration's budgets.

“CBO's analysis confirms that the \$5.6 trillion ten-year (2002-2011) surplus inherited by this Administration has vanished; CBO now projects in its place deficits over the same period of nearly \$3 trillion.

“As bad as these estimates seem, the true picture is even worse. CBO's deficits do not reflect the cost of policies the Administration supports but omits from its budget, such as \$754 billion to start up Social Security privatization; or operations in Iraq and Afghanistan for 2006 and beyond, now running over \$5 billion a month; or the revenue losses required for a long-term fix to the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), which CBO estimates to be \$642 billion. When these realistic adjustments are made, annual deficits never fall below \$362 billion in any year over the next decade.

“Deficits paint a dismal picture, which the President's budget only makes worse.”

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